defaulting SEBs and State Governments at the highest level. The Government of India arranged the recovery of past dues of NTPC through central appropriation.

In so far as the recovery of current dues is concerned, State Governments/SEBs are pursued to open/enhance power supply is being regulated commensurate with the payments. All these measures have resulted in better realisation of arrears.

STATEMENT

Outstanding dues of National Thermal Power Corporation as on 31.5.1996

(Rs. Lacs)

State Electricity Boards (SEBs)/ Electricity Departments	Outstanding as on date	Surcharge billed	Total Outst-andings
1	2	3	4
A. NORTHERN REGION			
Uttar Pradesh SEB	71232	26825	98057
Rajasthan SEB	21615	15714	37329
Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking	49618	10450	60068
Punjab SEB	1819	322	2141
Haryana SEB	19203	12739	31942
Himachal Pradesh SEB	749	941	1690
Jammu & Kashmir	25692	6386	32078
Union Territory of Chandigarh	672	0	672
Powergrid	339	23	362
Total	190939	73400	26339
B. WESTERN REGION			
Madhya Pradesh EB	21095	17741	38835
Maharashtra SEB	18178	7975	26153
Gujarat EB	10388	6450	16838
Goa	241	35	276
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	140	0	140
Daman & Diu	267	2	269
Powergrid	129	27	156
Total	50438	32230	82668
C. SOUTHERN REGION			
Andhra Pradesh SEB	8241	5058	13299
Karnataka EB	3827	3299	7126
Tamil Nadu EB	3388	5607	8995
Kerala SEB	558	2199	2757
Goa	170	66	237
Pondicherry	12	2	14
Total	16196	16231	32427
D. EASTERN REGION			
West Bengal SEB	11779	5586	17365
Bihar SEB	17679	23547	41226
Gridco (Orissa)	17717	1313	19030
Damodar Vally Corpn.	5234	8889	14123
Sikkim	258	48	306
Total	52667	39383	92050
Total (A+B+C+D)	310240	161244	471484

Usage of Hindi in States

24. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether some States have imposed restriction on the use of Hindi in their State offices and educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) The Government has no such information.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

Power Crisis

25. SHRI L. RAMANA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the acute power crisis in some States particularly Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Kerala, Karnataka and Tamilnadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some new power projects are being undertaken to ensure proper power supply in the States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). The details of the power supply position in various States/Union Territories of the country during the period April to